

HOUSE BILL 999
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section
68-3-511, relative to death determination and
pronouncement by registered nurses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-3-511, is amended by adding the
following language as a new subsection (f):

(f) A registered nurse may make the actual determination and pronouncement of
death under the following circumstances:

- (1) The deceased was a resident of an assisted-care living facility;
- (2) Death was anticipated, and the attending physician has agreed in
writing to sign the death certificate. Such agreement by the attending physician
must be present and with the deceased at the place of death;
- (3) The nurse is licensed by the state; and
- (4) The nurse is employed by the assisted-care living facility in which the
deceased resided.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring
it.